

## BROADWAY TRENCH

Merchants to Meet To-day to Oppose Tearing Up Street for Subway.

## UNITED AGAINST PLAN

All Classes of Industry Would Suffer if Thoroughfare Is Used as a Ditch.

## FEAR THEATRE DESERTION

Hotel Proprietors Fight Present Design and All Call for Tunnel That Will Not Open Street.

Business men who fear financial ruin if Broadway is torn up by the proposed spur of the subway between Fourteenth and Forty-second streets will meet to-day to protest against the methods of construction contemplated by the Rapid Transit Commission.

This meeting, which will probably be held in the Fifth Avenue Hotel, is called for the purpose of united action against making the city's thoroughfare impassable for an indefinite period.

No public improvement in years has so enlisted the serious attention of Broadway merchants, for they are all alive to the baleful effects on their trade which must ensue unless the proposed subway is constructed by tunnelling, so that the surface may remain intact except at intervals where it will be necessary to have openings to take materials may be taken, to the tunnel or away from it.

With this important section of Broadway one immense ditch, with the sidewalks banked high with refuse and materials, with the car tracks supported on improvised trestle work, there is a general feeling that thousands of persons who now go to that part of the city for pleasure or for business would remain away, preferring to seek enjoyment or purchase in some avenue more attractive and where which would not be attended with such inconvenience and danger as would confront them in the proposed plan.

THEATRE MEN INTERESTED.

To such proportions would this desertion of Broadway go, in the opinion of many, that the theatres would be forced almost to keep their doors closed. The department would find their transactions diminished; hotels would be certain to lose many of their old patrons and would not get any new ones; restaurants would be deserted by those who now attend them daily, and smaller stores would suffer such loss that their owners would be close to failure, if not actually bankrupted, for, of course, rents would not be lowered while the construction of the subway was in progress.

It is the fact that the protest against tearing up Broadway has found supporters so staunch that they will devote their time and money to opposing it, and if the views of the majority of the merchants are given weight with their fellows the courts will be appealed to to force the contractors to erect their own tracks and to carry them in a manner not to impose irreparable loss on others.

HOTEL MEN INTERESTED.

The proprietors of the Fifth Avenue Hotel are interested to the extent that they have placed one of their parlors at the disposal of the protesters, and in the meantime have agreed to accept of all those in the same line of business in the neighborhood.

Mr. Macy, Co., Saks & Co., Lord & Taylor, Arnold & Constable, Rogers, Peck & Co., Smith, Gray & Co. and others in this class of trade are heartily in accord with the movement, as are others whose names are not known as widely.

Al Hayman, head of the theatrical agency, says the protest will be fought vigorously in a legal way; the Shubert Brothers, who own two theatres in this section of Broadway, and several other theatres, have pledged their support; the big restaurant proprietors are in sympathy; John S. McKim, a manufacturer, will be prominent in the movement, as will the managers of estates which control the big office buildings, who are anxious to feel the effects of these matters, which would be the thousand or more storekeepers who have much depending on the manner in which the work will be done.

OBJECTORS TO UNITE.

These are names to conjure with, and respectful attention will be accorded by Mayor Low and city officials to any petition which may bear their signatures. Untold millions of dollars may be put on to the city, and the city will be in the struggle in which all have united, feeling there is strength in union, while individual protest is much less potent.

George A. Sticks, of the Criterion Hotel, and Alexander Shaw, an oculist at No. 116 Broadway, who are working hard to enlist the co-operation of every business man in the street, will be busier than ever this morning. Handicapped as they were by the meeting from Saturday and yesterday of many whose presence is desired at the meeting to-day, they will be forced to give their time this morning to the task of interviewing with whom it has thus far been impossible to communicate. Short as is the time at their disposal, they hope to have a representative gathering at which some definite plan of campaign may be determined on, and a course of action be chosen on which the active labor will devote.

## ERROR KILLS A BABY.

Druggist Substitutes Strychnine for Calomel in Prescription and Child's Death Follows.

[SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE HERALD.]

COLORADO SPRINGS, Col., Sunday.—Through the error of Frederick L. Adamson, a druggist in filling a prescription, Flora E., the three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Chisholm, of Broadmoor, is dead.

The prescription was written by Dr. C. F. Gardner, and called for a fourth of a grain of calomel, five drops of castor oil, and a fourth of a grain of opium. The druggist substituted strychnine for calomel, and placed a fourth of a grain in each of six doses.

Chisholm is the principal owner of Broadmoor, with its hotel, casino, water rights and large acreage. He and his wife are society leaders. Mr. Chisholm can not account for the error, except that he was overconfident he had correctly read the prescription.

## SIX KILLED IN A WRECK.

Two Double Headed Freight Trains in Collision on the "Queen and Crescent."

SOMERSET, Ky., Sunday.—Through a misunderstanding of orders two Queen and Crescent freight trains, both double headed, came together head on last night between Cumberland Falls and Greenwood, killing six men and seriously injuring two others.

The bodies of Firemen Joseph Phillips, Frank Fletcher and Walter Walters and an unidentified man, who was stealing a ride, were recovered.

The dead bodies of two brakemen, named, were not recovered. They were under the debris of four wrecked cars. Engine Drivers Duke and Fitzgerald were seriously injured. Duke may die. Engine Drivers Klein and Hainsworth both escaped by jumping, as did the rest of the trainmen.

## Sand Burial Nearly Fatal.

[SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE HERALD.]

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Sunday.—An excursionist whose name is said to be Edward Marsh was buried in the sand by companions to-day and was unconscious when dug out. He was buried in the sand when he was working on a beach for nearly an hour before he was recovered. It is supposed that he suffered from a weak heart, which caused his collapse.

## HOW BROADWAY IS BEING TURNED UP DESPITE PROTESTS OF MERCHANTS IN CITY'S MAIN BUSINESS ARTERY



## SWIMMER SAVED BY "HELLO" GIRLS

Brave Companions of Young Bather Cheered by Coney Island Throngs.

## UNCONSCIOUS WHEN RESCUE

Girl Had Ventured Beyond the Life Line When She Was Seized with Cramp and Called for Aid.

Two pretty telephone girls barely saved the life of a younger companion who had ventured far out in the ocean at Coney Island yesterday. Cheered by a large crowd, they dragged the unconscious swimmer back to the beach.

Mary Cross, fifteen years old, of Brooklyn, went to Coney Island yesterday afternoon with Miss Mary Buhley, eighteen years old, of No. 282 East 123rd street, Manhattan, and Miss Lettie Cummings, nineteen years old, of No. 15 Second street, Brooklyn. Miss Cummings and Miss Buhley are said to be employed in the central office of a telephone company.

All three girls entered the ocean at Tilton's bathing pavilion, and the youngest, who is a strong swimmer, declared that she was going out beyond the life line. The two older girls remonstrated with her, telling her that it was dangerous and foolish, but the little girl only laughed at their fears and struck out boldly for the open sea.

She had gone about four hundred yards out when she was seized with a cramp. She had been told that she should not go out so far, but she had heard her cry for help and saw her hands thrown up. She had been told that she should not go out so far, but she had heard her cry for help and saw her hands thrown up.

Nearest to her of the bathers were Miss Buhley and Miss Cummings. Both are good swimmers, and instantly went to the rescue. Miss Cummings reached the girl first and kept her afloat until Miss Cummings joined her. Then the two older girls, each sustaining their companion with one hand, started for the beach.

A large crowd had gathered, and there was great excitement among those on the shore. Half a dozen men rushed into the water and swam out to help the two girls. Miss Cummings and Miss Cummings declined assistance, however, and unaided took their young friend to the beach.

She was in a fainting condition, but was soon restored. After cheer greeted her, she was taken to the shore and afterward, and apparently embarrassed by this outburst, the three soon left for home.

## DIES WITH FRIEND HE TRIED TO SAVE

John Berg and Lewis H. Hallen, Both of Manhattan, Drowned at Stonybrook L. I.

[SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE HERALD.]

ST. JAMES, L. I., Sunday.—Lewis H. Hallen and John Berg, both of Manhattan, were drowned in the bay at Stonybrook about noon to-day. It is supposed that Hallen was taken with cramps and Berg went to his assistance.

Mr. Hallen had recently purchased a summer cottage and had moved into it with his family. Both bodies were recovered.

## TWO BROTHERS DROWNED

[SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE HERALD.]

MIDDELTOWN, N. Y., Sunday.—Samuel and Lewis Supper, brothers, employed by a gas company of New York, were drowned in the Walkill River near Gardenville, five miles from here, this afternoon while bathing. The bodies were recovered.

There was a large party of bathers at what is known as Turtle Bay. Lewis Supper, the younger, was seized with cramps and drawn into the swift current. His brother entered the deep water to aid him and both sank.

Mr. Lewis London was caught in the current and was rapidly being swept away when her husband managed to reach her. He seized a branch of a tree with one hand and clung to his wife with the other until aid reached him.

The Supper brothers had boarded at David Miller's farmhouse, together with other New Yorkers. They were to have gone home to-morrow, their vacation season having expired. They lived at No. 82 Columbia street.

## WOMAN A POISONER?

Coroner's Jury Accuses Mrs. Guller of Killing Little Ewart Mears Checksfield.

[SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE HERALD.]

BENJER HILL, N. J., Sunday.—Mrs. Ida F. Guller was formally held here to-night by the verdict of the Coroner's jury for the murder of Ewart Mears Checksfield, six-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Checksfield, who died from the effects of poisoned candy alleged to have been given to him by the wife of the man his father was sent to supercede.

Mrs. Guller is now in the custody of a deputy sheriff and she will be taken to Carlisle to-morrow morning if her physical condition permits. An attorney has been retained by Mr. Guller to defend his wife. The lawyer said Mrs. Guller was suffering from nervous prostration and that her condition was serious.

## FIND TWO DEAD IN YARD

Probability That a Murder and Suicide Were Committed in Northboro.

NORTHBORO, Mass., Sunday.—The bodies of a man and woman, unknown in Northboro, were found in George F. Sargent's yard at half-past ten o'clock to-night, both having their throats slashed. It is believed to be murder and suicide.

## KILLED BY FALL INTO THE SUBWAY

Weak Barrier Gives Way Before a Pedestrian, Who Stumbles in the Dark.

## PLUNGES DOWN SIXTY FEET

Residents Believe the District Attorney Should Cause an Inquiry by the Grand Jury.

Simon Gratton, a carpenter, forced out of work by the strike, yesterday morning while returning to his room at No. 266 West Ninety-ninth street, walked into an excavation of the subway at 103rd street and Broadway and received injuries which caused his death within a few hours.

This new tragedy has served to emphasize the inadequate protection provided along the line of the rapid transit road, to which the HERALD has frequently called attention. It is only a short time since a woman passenger on a Broadway car fell into the cut at Seventy-seventh street and met a like fate.

Although complaint has been made several times since then concerning the frail looking barriers which guard the excavations, nothing has been done to improve the conditions.

Residents along that line yesterday thought that the matter should now be called to the attention of the Grand Jury by the District Attorney.

Gratton was a widower and had been living alone in a furnished room at the Ninety-ninth street house. He has a daughter, Mrs. N. E. Daly, living at No. 70 West 103rd street. She said yesterday that her father had been a temperate man.

Saturday evening he visited friends on the west side. He was apparently crossing from the west to the east side of Broadway when the accident occurred.

The excavation at that street is sixty feet deep and a weak frame barrier surrounds it. A person falling against this in the dark would be likely to push it down. This is what Gratton is believed to have done.

He struck on the rocks, sixty feet below, fracturing four of his ribs, besides suffering internal injuries. No one has been found who saw him fall. About five o'clock yesterday morning William Kelly, of No. 133 West Ninety-ninth street, and William Kane, of No. 103 Amsterdam avenue, heard his groans.

An ambulance was summoned from the J. Hood Wright Hospital. The man was still alive when it arrived, but expired before Dr. Griffin could get him into the ambulance.

## DIVERS' NECKS BROKEN

Two Patients Suffering from Similar Injuries Have Adjoining Cots in Hospital.

His skill in diving may cost James Dunn, seventeen years old, of No. 533 West Fifty-first street, his life, and, strange to say, the patient who occupies an adjoining cot in the J. Hood Wright Hospital is suffering from exactly the same injury, sustained at the same place and in the same way. Both have broken necks, and are in a serious condition, resting on water beds to adjust themselves to the slightest motion.

Dunn visited Washington Heights Beach, at the foot of 153th street, yesterday, and entertained a crowd of several hundred men, women and children by diving from a springboard where the Hudson River is said to be five feet deep at that point. After his last dive Dunn failed to return to the surface. Friends plunged under the water and found his body. It is believed his head struck the bottom.

The occupant of the next cot is Richard St. Louis, a Frenchman, who is suffering from a spinal fracture. He visited the beach on July 24, and dived from a high springboard. He too, had to be rescued by his friends. That the small boats were not overturned was due entirely to the docile disposition of the beast.

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## INSOMNIA DUE TO HER UNPAID BILL

Woman Draws a Check and Gets First Sound Sleep in Twenty-Six Years.

## HAD VISIONS OF GROCERIES

Conscience Money for Heirs of E. B. Gonzales, Who Died in East Orange, N. J., in 1877.

After suffering from insomnia for twenty-seven years because her conscience was burdened with an unpaid grocery bill, an Englewood (N. J.) woman determined to obtain sleep even if it cost her \$30. After handing over a check for that amount she retired early and slept soundly until ten o'clock the next morning.

The woman once lived in East Orange, N. J., and had an account with E. B. Gonzales, who conducted a large grocery business. When he died, in 1877, he had many accounts outstanding on his books, and the bill against this woman was one of them. His widow moved to Illinois and the debt was not happy. If she but the latter was not happy. If she but the latter was not happy. If she but the latter was not happy.

Legal steps have been taken with a view of seeking an injunction against the continuance of the practices objectionable to Margaret A. Bingham, who had a restraining order served on Dr. Woodend last night. Complaints have been made, and the cottagers allege that it became necessary to take legal steps in order to protect their rights.

The parties to the suit have for their neighbors such well known summer cottagers as Governor Franklin Murphy, Judge Andrew Kirkpatrick, General Thomas T. Eckert, former United States Senator James Smith, Dr. Daniel C. Hughes, Anthony N. Brady, John A. McCall and former United States Senator Edward Morrill.

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Mrs. Bingham, in her petition, describes the place as a nuisance and prays that the court may order its abatement. The restraining order prohibits Dr. Woodend from further use of the private right of way as an exercising track and prohibits the employees from congregating in the highways and using the premises as a livery or coaching stable or as a stop for horses at Elberon. It further forbids the servants making unnecessary noises or keeping unreasonable hours. The writ was returnable to-morrow, before Chancellor Magie.

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## ELBERON ANNOYED BY SHOW HORSES

Court Order Restrains Dr. Woodend from Practices Objectionable to Cottagers.

## SERVANT INCLUDED IN ORDER.

Exercising Prize Animals on a Party Road Disturbs Fashionable Residents, Who Seek Relief.

Exclusive Elberon (N. J.) is aroused by the invasion of Dr. William B. Woodend, his horse show horses and a retinue of servants. Dr. Woodend has been demitted for the summer in the William V. Brokaw cottage in Ocean avenue.

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## FORTY RACE HORSES IN PERIL IN FIRE

Strings of J. F. Cockerill and J. Y. Gatcomb Barely Saved at Empire City Track.

## INCENDIARISM IS SUSPECTED

Valuable Thoroughbreds Led from Blazing Stable While the Blankets Over Their Heads Are Smouldering.

With blankets blazing upon their backs and neighing in fright, forty valuable thoroughbreds were rescued from a burning stable at the Empire City track yesterday morning. The most valuable animals in the barn were owned by John F. Cockerill and James Y. Gatcomb, the latter's horses alone being valued at \$15,000.

Of Mr. Cockerill's string Swift and Miss Hubbard are the most valuable and both had narrow escapes from being burned to death. Mr. Gatcomb had arrived with his horses only a few hours before the fire started, having come from Detroit to take part in the Grand Circuit meeting this week.

All the harness, blankets, sulkeys and other track property were burned, bringing the loss all told to something like \$20,000. The horses were seriously injured, but many of them were saved. The origin of the fire is a matter of mystery, but an investigation now going on will, it is expected, show that it was an act of revenge on the part of an employee, who had been seriously injured by a fire when a groom, at a little after seven o'clock, saw flames coming from a pile of hay in a corner of the building and ran to the stable. Quickly the fire swept around to the loft, and before an alarm could be given flames were darting through the roof and reaching the horses.

Fire engines arrived, but were of little avail. Many of the horses began neighing and running, and the fire was so intense that it was difficult to control. The horses were saved by being led out of the building and driven to the street. The fire was extinguished, but the damage was done.

Some of the horses were singed slightly, but none were seriously injured. In less than an hour the building had been burned to the ground.

The stable, which was in the center of a group of other stables, Sparks and cinders showered down on the roofs and in the yards, and from some of these animals ran wildly among the others, adding to the excitement.

Mr. Gatcomb's string of horses comprised Prince of Orange, who defeated Monticarlo Rhythmic, Metellus and Baron De Shay at Westchester, and who was taken upon the coming horse in his class in this country.

His record is 2:07 1/2. Wainwright, a four-year-old, for which Mr. Gatcomb paid \$10,000 during the Detroit meeting; Nella Jay, another sensational young colt, for which he paid \$10,000; and a three-year-old, named \$2,500, was refused last winter, and Ederone, with a record of 2:05 1/2.

## WOMAN HELD FOR BRIBERY.

Policeman Charges Her with Offering Him \$100 "to Square" an Excise Law Violation Case.

Fannie Weber, of No. 128 West Thirty-sixth street, was held in \$100 bail by Magistrate Flammery, in the Jefferson Market Police Court yesterday, on a charge of attempting to bribe a policeman who has arrested her for selling liquor without a license.

Policeman Henry F. Mohrman, of the West Thirtieth street station, the complainant, in his affidavit in the case, says that he was served in the house with liquor, and that he was offered \$100 to "square" the case. He asked if there was a liquor tax certificate in the house, when the woman said she had one. He called for it, and she handed it to him, exclaiming: "Are you an officer?"